

International Activities Update

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Status of Law of the Sea

- Administration has not yet decided whether it will be a priority.
- State is waiting to hear from Defense Department.
- State continues to be concerned because of elections to two of the bodies established by the convention
 - Continental Shelf Commission
 - Dispute Resolution body





UN General Assembly Resolution on Oceans

- Two papers developed
 - Marine scientific research (Ken Turgeon reviewed)
 - Piracy at sea
- Scheduled adoption of the resolution (which occurs annually) is November 27th





UN General Assembly Resolution on Oceans

- Next year's resolution topics being considered
 - Capacity building and tech transfer
 - Regional approaches
 - Ocean stewardship
 - Marine protected areas
- The next informal consultative meetings will occur in May 2002 in New York





World Summit on Sustainable Development

- Schedule of meetings leading up to the WSSD
- December meeting in Paris sponsored by the University of Delaware and UNESCO.
 - Series of papers will be developed to then be considered for the South Africa conference.





World Summit on Sustainable Development

- New York meetings to develop US position on what should be addressed at the South Africa conference
 - January 28 - February 8
 - March 25 - April 5
- Issues being discussed include:
 - Fisheries
 - Ocean governance
 - Natural resource protection





World Summit on Sustainable Development

- April APEC meeting on oceans in Korea
- Will also consider topics for the upcoming sustainable development summit

